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TO AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

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TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON CISCO KIDNAPPINGS

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FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS MADE IN DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S PRESS  
GUIDANCE

1. AFTER THIRD SENTENCE OF ANSWER TO QUESTION "WHAT IS  
STATE DEPT. DOING ABOUT IT?" ADD: "THE ETHIOPIANS  
HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE. ETHIOPIAN SECURITY FORCES ARE  
CONDUCTING A SEARCH FOR THE KIDNAPPERS, WITH DUE REGARD  
FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CAPTIVES."

2. FOLLOWING FOUR Q'S AND A'S HAVE BEEN ADDED.

Q. WHY WASN'T THIS ANNOUNCED EARLIER? A. IN RESPONSE TO  
QUESTIONS WE DID CONFIRM THE ABDUCTION. Q. WHAT IS THE  
CURRENT STATUS OF KAGNEW STATION? A. KAGNEW STATION WAS  
ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1953 UNDER A 25-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE  
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. THE OPERATION AT KAGNEW WAS  
REDUCED TO ITS PRESENT SIZE AS A RESULT OF A MAJOR PHASE-  
DOWN BEGUN IN 1973. THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS FOR  
FURTHER REDUCTIONS. THE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS UNIT IS  
OPERATED BY ELEVEN U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL AND THE CISCO  
TEAM. Q. WHERE ARE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL FROM? A. MR.  
CAMPBELL'S HOME TOWN IS SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA AND

MR. HARRELL IS FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Q. CAN YOU  
GIVE US ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE ABDUCTION? A. THE ABDUCTION TOOK PLACE AT THE  
TRANSMISSION SITE ABOUT 10:45 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON  
JULY 14. ACCORDING TO AN ACCOUNT BY ETHIOPIAN  
EMPLOYEES AT THE SITE, THE CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN OFF IN A  
CISCO TRUCK. THE NEXT DAY, ETHIOPIAN SECURITY FORCES  
FOUND THE TRUCK ABANDONED ABOUT 17 KM. WEST OF ASMARA.  
THERE WERE NO MESSAGES OR CLUES LEFT IN THE TRUCK. KISSINGER

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